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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST BY
GLOBE WIRELESS RADIO SERVICES INC. FOR WAIVER OF PART 80 RULES TO ALLOW
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC COAST STATION ABOVE 5 MHz**

WT Docket No. 14-43

Comment Date: April 9, 2014

Reply Date: April 24, 2014

Globe Wireless Radio Services Inc. (GWRS) filed requests for waiver of Section 80.453(d)(5) of the Commission's Rules¹ to allow the use of high frequency (HF) public coast frequencies above 5 MHz for communications between public coast stations. GWRS seeks waivers for its high seas public coast stations KFS,² Palo Alto, California; KPH,³ Rio Vista, California; WCC,⁴ Bishopville, Maryland; WNU,⁵ Pearl River, Louisiana; and a new station⁶ at Long Island, New York.

Section 80.453 permits public coast stations to provide radiotelephone and radiotelegraph service to ships and shore stations under certain conditions, but permits communications between public coast stations only on frequencies between .415 MHz and 5 MHz. GWRS states that in the past a large number of domestic and international coast stations provided adequate capacity for inter-station communications, but factors such as a decline in licensed public coast stations, the distance between stations, and HF propagation characteristics that are disrupted by sunspot cycles, atmospheric and seasonal conditions make it necessary to access all licensed HF frequencies to provide reliable communications between public coast stations. Consequently, GWRS requests a waiver to permit it to communicate between public coast stations on authorized frequencies above 5 MHz. We seek comment on the waiver request.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 80.453(d)(5).

² FCC File No. 0006152295 (filed Feb. 13, 2014).

³ FCC File No. 0006164248 (filed Feb. 19, 2014).

⁴ FCC File No. 0006164281 (filed Feb. 19, 2014).

⁵ FCC File No. 0006164342 (filed Feb. 19, 2014).

⁶ FCC File No. 0006143672 (filed Feb. 13, 2014), *see also* Public Notice, Report No. 9361 (WTB rel. Feb. 19, 2014).

Procedural Matters

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments in response to the waiver requests on or before the dates listed on the first page of this *Public Notice*. All pleadings must reference WT Docket No. 14-43. Parties may file comments using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.⁷

- Electronic Filers: File comments electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and two copies of each filing.

Send filings by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). Address filings to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Deliver hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554 between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Use rubber bands or fasteners to hold deliveries together. Dispose of all envelopes before entering the building.
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Parties are requested to send one copy of their comments and reply comments to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (800) 378-3160, e-mail FCC@BCPIWEB.com.

The requests, and comments and reply comments filed in response to this *Public Notice* are available for viewing via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs>, by entering the docket number, WT 14-43. The documents also will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. They may also be purchased from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., telephone (800) 378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail FCC@BCPIWEB.com.

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⁷ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, *Report and Order*, GC Docket No. 97-113, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

This proceeding has been designated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, contact Mr. Jim Shaffer of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-0687, james.shaffer@fcc.gov.

Action by the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁸ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.